

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL (OLD ST. MARY'S) + ALL SAINTS NEWMAN CENTER

230 EAST UNIVERSITY DRIVE

In 1903, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parishioners, under the direction of Fr. Severinus Westhoff, built the 6400 square-foot, Romanesque Revival-style St. Mary's Church on a new 0.81-acre site (replacing an earlier adobe structure at the base of the butte). Materials included locally fired clay bricks and stone quarried from the nearby butte. An adjoining multi-purpose building was built after transfer of the property to the Newman Club in 1962.

Restoration of "The Old Church" began in late 1970's and is ongoing. Aspects completed to-date include interior sanctuary renovation (including addition of air conditioning and fire sprinklers), courtyard improvements (recipient of a Tempe Beautification Award of Merit in 1990), stained glass window restoration and incorporation of wheelchair lifts. Restoration of the steeple/bell tower is proposed. The property was listed on National Register of Historic Places in 1978 and on the Tempe Historic Property Register in 2000.

Redevelopment of the support facilities is planned for completion in 2006 by the Newman Center and will include a new, 19,000 square-foot chapel/multi-purpose building, as well as renovation of existing offices. The overall appearance will be compatible with the historic church.

public role: Assistance in obtaining and administering Arizona Heritage Fund grants for window Restoration and ADA Accessibility Improvements

developer: original: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish/Roman Catholic Diocese of Florence; restor./redev: All Saint's Catholic Newman Center/Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix

architect: Old Church Restoration: Michael Kelly, Kevin O'Melia and others
redevelopment: CCBG, Phoenix (Kym Billington)

builder: original: Fr. Westhoff and parishioners
restoration: Patton Construction and others

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